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Hospitals—Care of Indigent Persons. (Ch. 483, Act May 9, 1916.)

SECTION 1. Section 30 of chapter 46 of the laws of 1909, entitled "An act in relation to the poor, constituting chapter 42 of the consolidated laws," as amended by chapter 309 of the laws of 1912, is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 30. *Hospital accommodations for indigent persons.*—1. Any city or county, in which a hospital duly incorporated is situated, may send to and support in the same such sick and disabled indigent persons as require medical or surgical treatment, and when admitted the authorities of such city or county shall pay to such hospital such sum per week as may be agreed upon or found to be just during the period in which such person shall remain in such hospital.

2. In all counties of this State in which there are not adequate hospital accommodations for indigent persons requiring medical or surgical care and treatment, or in which no appropriations of money are made for this specific purpose, it shall be the duty of county superintendents of the poor, upon the certificate of a physician approved by the board of supervisors, or of the overseers of the poor in the several towns of such counties, upon the certificate of a physician approved by the supervisor of the town, as their jurisdiction over the several cases may require, to send all such indigent persons requiring medical or surgical care and treatment to the nearest convenient and suitable hospital, the incorporation and management of which have been approved by the State board of charities, provided transportation to such hospital can be safely accomplished. The authorities of such county or town shall pay to such hospital such reasonable sum per week for the care and treatment of such indigent persons as may be agreed upon by the authorities of the county or town and the directors of such hospital, and provision for the payment for such care and treatment shall be made in the annual budgets of such county or town.

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